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Note verbale dated 11 June 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the United Nations, in its capacity as President Pro Tempore of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and is honoured to request that the present note and the communiqué of CELAC on the inclusion of Cuba in the list of States sponsors of terrorism (see annex) be circulated as a document of the United Nations under item 121 of the agenda of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 11 June 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Communiqué of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States on the inclusion of Cuba in the list of States sponsors of terrorism

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) has learned with concern of the inclusion of Cuba in the list of States sponsors of terrorism published by the State Department of the Unites States of America.

In this regard, CELAC recalls paragraph 24 of the Santiago Declaration, adopted at the First Summit of the Community, held on 27 and 28 January 2013, which states: "Strongly reject the unilateral and illegitimate assessments, lists and certifications made by some developed countries which affect countries of the region, in particular, those referring to terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking and other related measures".

Likewise, it recalls the special communiqué in support of the fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, also adopted at the First Summit, which says: "Reject the unilateral elaboration of blacklists accusing States of allegedly supporting and sponsoring terrorism, which is inconsistent with international law".

Hence, in the light of the documents adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the First Summit, CELAC requests the Government of the United States of America to put an end to this unilateral practice.